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: MEDICAL DEVICE FOR ASPIRATION  
Serial No.: 09/809,468 : OF THROMBOEMBOLIC DEBRIS  
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Filing Date: March 15, 2001 :  
: Attorney Docket No. 180431-00015  
Group Art Unit: 3765 :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

July 3, 2002

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment. Accompanying this Preliminary  
Amendment is a marked-up version of the specification.

**In the Specification**

On page 1, please amend lines 4-6 as follows:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application  
Serial No. 60/190,513, filed March 20, 2000.

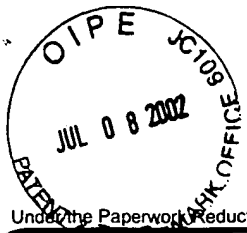
**REMARKS**

This amendment changes the Cross Reference section of the specification  
to indicate that the correct filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No.  
60/190,513 is March 20, 2000, not March 15, 2000 as previously stated.

Applicants respectfully request the USPTO to update its records to reflect  
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